

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING JOINT HEARING
WITH
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
ON
MANKATO ENERGY CENTER, LLC
PROPOSED PROJECT

WHEREAS, Mankato Energy Center, LLC, has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate of need for a natural gas combined cycle power plant to be located in Mankato, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Mankato Energy Center, LLC, has applied to the Environmental Quality Board for a site permit for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission has determined that it is appropriate to hold a joint hearing with the Environmental Quality Board on this matter; and

WHEREAS, the project will require construction of a transmission line and a pipeline in addition to the generating facility; and

WHEREAS, holding a joint public hearing is feasible and will expedite the review process, and

WHEREAS, a joint hearing will further the public interest by allowing interested persons to participate in a single hearing; and

WHEREAS, no person has objected to the holding of a joint hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Environmental Quality Board authorizes the holding of a joint hearing with the Public Utilities Commission on the applications by Mankato Energy Center (a wholly owned subsidiary of Calpine Corporation) for a certificate of need and a site permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the EQB Chair is authorized to act on behalf of the EQB to perform such tasks as are necessary to carry out this resolution.